



New holiday signs are to be displayed by Harrison after a joint effort of the town and the Harrison Beautification Committee.

A holiday happening

The Town of Harrison marked the start of the holiday season with a day of "Holiday Happenings" downtown. On Dec. 1, the community got together to sing holiday songs, greet Santa Claus, and continue the tradition of lighting the Christmas tree. Harrison downtown isn't exactly Times Square, but with the amount of community support and families in attendance, for the moment it was close enough.

There was an opportunity for kids to register in all day activities at the recreation center. For a \$30 fee, children in kindergarten through third grade participated in the happenings while parents took the opportunity to prepare for the holidays. Kids started the day at 9 a.m., had lunch and enjoyed a day full of arts and crafts, singing,

movies and games.

At 4 p.m. children attended the downtown tree lighting ceremony. The West Harrison tree lighting will take place this Saturday, Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. near the West Harrison Fire Department.

Also in time for the holidays, residents can expect some new holiday signs. A joint effort between the town and the Harrison Beautification Committee will see old worn out signs replaced. Some of the new signs have been installed already and will be part of the decorations through Harrison in the coming weeks.

Since 2005, the committee has worked to start decorating the town again, after a period which they felt

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was light on displaying downtown's holiday cheer. Last year, the ante was upped with additional holiday and winter decorations joining the traditional snowflake decorations to make the holidays look more festive. New lights, garland wraps and red bows adom Harrison street lamps.

When choosing decorations, the town said they were mindful of adornments that would be aesthetically pleasing not just at night, but during the day as well. They also wanted decorations that celebrated the season and could be displayed not just during Christmas but the entire winter season.